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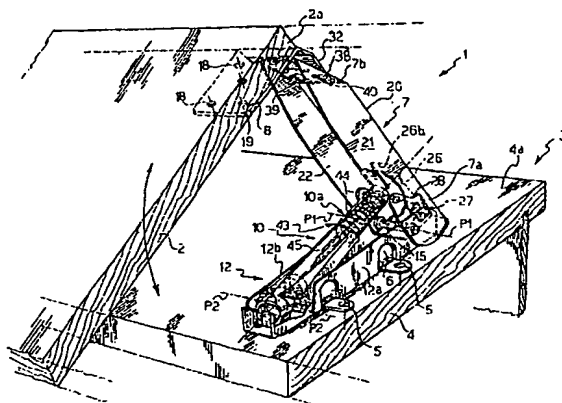
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(57) Abstract: A hinge assembly (1) is described for the artic-  
ulated connection of a vertically opening panel (2) to a furniture  
element (3) between a closing position and an opening position  
in which the panel (2) is at least partially lifted with respect to  
the hinge assembly (1) and to the furniture element (3). More  
specifically, the hinge assembly (1) comprises: - a supporting  
base (6); - a lifting lever (7) operatively connected to the panel  
(2) and hinged to the supporting base (6) about a pivoting axis  
(P1-P1) between the closing and opening positions of the panel  
(2); - a balancing device (10) acting on the lifting lever (7) to at  
least partially counterbalance the weight of the panel (2) during  
rotation of the lever (7) about the pivoting axis (P1-P1). Ac-  
cording to the invention, in the mounting position of the hinge  
assembly (1) the pivoting axis (P1-P1) of the lifting lever (7)  
and the balancing device (10) are positioned above an upper  
surface (4a) of the furniture element (3).

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